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Seventy-fourth Day

Pursuant to adjournment the Senate was called to order by President Halford at 11:37 a.m.

The roll showed eighteen members present. Senator Austerman was excused from a call of the Senate. Senator Ward was absent.

Senator Lemman moved and asked unanimous consent that Senator Ward be shown as excused through March 26. Without objection, it was so ordered.

The prayer was offered by the Chaplain, Father Michael Nash of the Cathedral of the Nativity. Senator Hoffman moved and asked unanimous consent that the prayer be spread. Without objection, it was so ordered.

God of compassion, we gather today in the sad knowledge that there are, among the people of our state, some who practice intolerance of others on the basis of race, language, or way of life. We pray for peace and understanding among Your people. Let understanding put an end to strife; hatred be quenched by mercy, and vengeance give way to forgiveness. May the members of this Alaska State Senate be leaders in creating a society in which each and every person is cherished and valued.

Finally, Lord, we ask You to be with Senator Ward, his wife Margaret and all his family as they mourn the death of his father, Jack Ward. We pray You, gracious God. Amen.

Senator Phillips led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Certification

Senator Leman moved and asked unanimous consent that the journal for the seventy-third legislative day be approved as certified by the Secretary. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Standing Committee Reports

SB 6

The Finance Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 6 "An Act relating to required notice of eviction to mobile home park dwellers and tenants before redevelopment of the park" and recommended it be replaced with

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 6(FIN)

The following previously published fiscal information applies:

Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Department of Law

Signing do pass: Senator Donley, Cochair, Senators Hoffman, Olson, Leman. Signing no recommendation: Senator Kelly, Cochair, Senator Wilken. Signing do not pass: Senator Green.

The bill was referred to the Rules Committee.

SB 82

The Judiciary Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 82 "An Act making corrective amendments to the Alaska Statutes as recommended by the revisor of statutes; and providing for an effective date" and recommended the adoption of the State Affairs Committee Substitute offered on page 583. Signing do pass: Senator Taylor, Chair, Senators Cowdery, Ellis.

The following previously published fiscal information applies:

Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Senate State Affairs Committee

The bill was referred to the Rules Committee.

HB 100

The Rules Committee considered HOUSE BILL NO. 100 "An Act establishing the third Saturday of each June as Juneteenth Day." Signing to calendar: Senator Pearce, Chair, Senators Phillips, Cowdery, Ellis.

The bill is on today's calendar.

HCR 7

The Rules Committee considered CS FOR HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 7(HES) am Relating to proclaiming April 2001 as Sexual Assault Awareness Month. Signing to calendar and do pass: Senator Pearce, Chair, Senators Ellis, Phillips, Cowdery.

The following previously published fiscal information applies:

Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, House Health, Education and Social Services Committee

The resolution is on today's calendar.

Introduction and Reference of Senate Bills**SB 157**

SENATE BILL NO. 157 BY SENATOR ELLIS, entitled:

"An Act establishing July 3 as Drunk Driving Victims Remembrance Day."

was read the first time and referred to the State Affairs Committee.

Consideration of the Calendar**Second Reading of House Bills****HB 100**

HOUSE BILL NO. 100 "An Act establishing the third Saturday of each June as Juneteenth Day" was read the second time.

Senator Therriault, Chair, moved and asked unanimous consent for the adoption of the State Affairs Senate Committee Substitute offered on page 596. Without objection, SENATE CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 100(STA) was adopted and read the second time.

Senator Leman moved and asked unanimous consent that the bill be considered engrossed, advanced to third reading and placed on final passage. Without objection, it was so ordered.

SENATE CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 100(STA) was read the third time.

The question being: "Shall SENATE CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 100(STA) "An Act establishing the third Saturday of each June as Juneteenth Day" pass the Senate?" The roll was taken with the following result:

SCS HB 100(STA)
Third Reading - Final Passage

YEAS: 17 NAYS: 0 EXCUSED: 2 ABSENT: 1

Yeas: Cowdery, Davis, Donley, Ellis, Elton, Halford, Hoffman, Kelly, Leman, Lincoln, Olson, Pearce, Phillips, Taylor, Therriault, Torgerson, Wilken

Excused: Austerman, Ward

Absent: Green

and so, SENATE CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 100(STA) passed the Senate.

Senator Ellis gave notice of reconsideration.

Second Reading of House Resolutions

HCR 7

CS FOR HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 7(HES) am was read the second time and was before the Senate on final passage.

Senators Lincoln, Leman, Pearce, Ellis, Elton, Davis moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as cross sponsors on the resolution. Without objection, it was so ordered.

The question being: "Shall CS FOR HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 7(HES) am Relating to proclaiming April 2001 as Sexual Assault Awareness Month, pass the Senate?" The roll was taken with the following result:

CSHCR 7(HES) am
Second Reading - Final Passage

YEAS: 17 NAYS: 0 EXCUSED: 2 ABSENT: 1

Yeas: Cowdery, Davis, Donley, Ellis, Elton, Halford, Hoffman, Kelly, Leman, Lincoln, Olson, Pearce, Phillips, Taylor, Therriault, Torgerson, Wilken

Excused: Austerman, Ward

Absent: Green

and so, CS FOR HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 7(HES) am passed the Senate.

Senator Kelly gave notice of reconsideration.

Citations

Honoring – Eleanor Andrews
Representative(s) Berkowitz
Senator(s) Phillips, Ward, Ellis, Austerman, Lincoln, Davis, Elton, Pearce, Green, Kelly, Taylor, Wilken, Hoffman, Halford

In Memoriam – Emma Ann Nicholson
Senator(s) Hoffman, Halford, Ward, Austerman, Lincoln, Davis, Elton, Pearce, Green, Kelly, Taylor, Wilken

Senator Leman moved and asked unanimous consent that the citations be adopted. Without objection, the citations were adopted and referred to the Secretary for transmittal.

Announcements

Announcements are at the end of the journal.

Enrollment**SB 52**

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 52(FIN) am "An Act extending the termination date of the State Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Board" was enrolled, signed by the President and Secretary, Speaker and Chief Clerk and the engrossed and enrolled copies transmitted to the Office of the Governor at 7:40 a.m., March 22, 2001.

SJR 7

CS FOR SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 7(RES) Supporting reinstatement of the United States Department of the Interior directive exempting the United States Bureau of Land Management in Alaska from the mandatory wilderness review process, was enrolled, signed by the President and Secretary, Speaker and Chief Clerk and the engrossed and enrolled copies transmitted to the Office of the Governor at 1:35 p.m., March 22, 2001.

SJR 12

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 12(title am) Urging the United States Congress to amend the tax code to eliminate the marriage penalty, was enrolled, signed by the President and Secretary, Speaker and Chief Clerk and the engrossed and enrolled copies transmitted to the Office of the Governor at 1:35 p.m., March 22, 2001.

Adjournment

Senator Leman moved and asked unanimous consent that the Senate stand in adjournment until 11:00 a.m., March 23, 2001. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 11:56 a.m.

Heidi Vogel
Secretary of the Senate

March 2001

Announcements

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STANDING COMMITTEES

+ indicates teleconference
 = indicates bill previously heard/scheduled

COMMUNITY & REGIONAL AFFAIRS

Mar 23	Friday	Fahrenkamp 203	1:30 PM
	No Meeting Scheduled		
Mar 26	Monday	Fahrenkamp 203	1:30 PM
	No Meeting Scheduled		
Mar 28	Wednesday	Fahrenkamp 203	1:30 PM
+ HB 118	SR. CIT./VETERAN PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION		
+ HB 156	MUNICIPAL DEBT FOR DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS		
Mar 30	Friday	Fahrenkamp 203	1:30 PM
	No Meeting Scheduled		

FINANCE

Mar 22	Thursday	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
= SB 4	MUNICIPAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION		
= SB 6	MOBILE HOME PARK EVICTION NOTICE		
+ SB 48	MUNICIPALITIES:INCORP/PROPERTY VALUATION		
+ SB 103	ELECTION CAMPAIGNS AND LEGISLATIVE ETHICS		
+ SB 88	METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATIONS		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		

FINANCE (continued)

- Mar 23 Friday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM**
 HB 103 APPROP: OPERATING BUDGET
 <Above Item Removed from Agenda>
 HB 104 APPROP: MENTAL HEALTH BUDGET
 <Above Item Removed from Agenda>
 = SB 4 MUNICIPAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION
 = SB 103 ELECTION CAMPAIGNS AND LEGISLATIVE ETHICS
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
- Mar 26 Monday Senate Finance 532 6:00 PM**
 -- Time Change --
 SB 133 PUBLIC SCHOOL EXIT EXAM
 = SB 88 METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATIONS
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
- Mar 27 Tuesday Senate Finance 532 6:00 PM**
 -- Time Change --
 SB 136 RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT: BD./GRANTS/FUND
 SB 59 FEDERAL FUNDS TO MUNICIPALITIES FOR ROADS
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
- Mar 28 Wednesday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM**
 SB 37 PHYSICIAN NEGOTIATIONS WITH HEALTH INSURE
 SB 143 RIGHT-OF-WAY LEASING ACT:APPLICATION COST
 SB 123 LEGISLATIVE APPROVAL:RAILROAD FACILITIES
 <Pending Referral>
 SB 104 AID TO VOLUNTEER SERVICES
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
- Mar 28 Wednesday Senate Finance 532 6:00 PM**
 -- Time Change --
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
- Mar 29 Thursday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM**
 University of Alaska Budget Closeout-
 Committee of the Whole
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

FINANCE (continued)

Mar 30 Friday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM
 = HB 103 APPROP: OPERATING BUDGET
 = HB 104 APPROP: MENTAL HEALTH BUDGET
 Budget Subcommittee Reports
 -- no public testimony --
 -- no testimony by invitation --
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

HEALTH, EDUCATION & SOCIAL SERVICES

Mar 26 Monday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM
 No Meeting Scheduled

Mar 28 Wednesday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM
 + AK Association School Administrators
 + SJR 21 EXTEND FEDERAL TANF GRANTS
 + SB 154 REPEAL SUNSET OF MENTAL HEALTH ASSISTANCE
 + SB 1 FOUNDATION FORMULA INCREASE
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

JUDICIARY

Mar 23 Friday Beltz 211 1:30 PM
 No Meeting Scheduled

Mar 26 Monday Beltz 211 2:00 PM
 -- Time Change --
 += HB 34 RULE AGAINST PERPETUITIES
 + SB 145 VILLAGE PUB.SAFETY OFFICER PROGRAM

Mar 28 Wednesday Beltz 211 1:30 PM
 + HB 24 BOROUGH REVENUES FOR TOURISM MARKETING

Mar 30 Friday Beltz 211 1:30 PM
 SB 60 FARM OPERATIONS:DISCLOSURE /NUISANCES

LABOR & COMMERCE

Mar 22 Thursday Beltz 211 1:30 PM
 -- Meeting Canceled --
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Mar 27 Tuesday Beltz 211 1:30 PM
 + HB 150 INSURANCE PREMIUMS FOR RENTAL VEHICLES

Mar 29 Thursday Beltz 211 1:30 PM
 += SB 66 FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

RESOURCES

Mar 23 Friday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
 No Meeting Scheduled

Mar 26 Monday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
 No Meeting Scheduled

Mar 28 Wednesday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
 SB 156 BEST INTEREST FINDING UNDER AK LAND ACT
 Senate Bill: STATE PARTICIPATE IN NAT GAS PIPE
 <Pending Introduction and Referral>
 Senate Bill: PROHIBITING RIGHT-OF-WAY LEASES IN
 THE BEAUFORT SEA
 <Pending Introduction and Referral>

Mar 30 Friday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
 = SB 121 RIGHT-OF-WAY LEASING ACT
 SB 148 REMOTE WATER STORAGE FOR FIRE DEPARTMENTS
 SB 153 UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK LOAN FUND

RULES

Mar 22 Thursday Fahrenkamp 203 10:45 AM
 HB 100 JUNETEENTH DAY
 HCR 7 APRIL 2001 SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH
 = SB 65 PAY EQUITY FOR STATE EMPLOYEES
 HJR 10 GROUND FISH FISHERIES AND STELLER SEA LION

RULES (continued)

Mar 27 Tuesday Fahrenkamp 203 10:45 AM
 SJR 15 CHILEAN FARMED SALMON

STATE AFFAIRS

Mar 22 Thursday Beltz 211 3:30 PM
 + SB 127 OPTIONAL BLANKET PRIMARY
 + SB 146 MODIFIED BLANKET PRIMARY ELECTION
 + SCR 8 POLITICAL PARTIES BLANKET PRIMARY ELECTNS

Mar 27 Tuesday Beltz 211 3:30 PM
 No Meeting Scheduled

Mar 29 Thursday Beltz 211 3:30 PM
 SB 147 STATE GOVERNMENT ACTIVITIES
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

TRANSPORTATION

Mar 22 Thursday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM
 + SB 123 LEGISLATIVE APPROVAL:RAILROAD FACILITIES
 + SB 111 BONDS TO FUND PORTS AND HARBORS
 + SB 44 ALASKA TOLL BRIDGE AND CAUSEWAY AUTHORITY
 + SB 45 APPROP: DESIGN OF KNIK ARM CROSSING

Mar 27 Tuesday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM
 No Meeting Scheduled

Mar 29 Thursday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM
 No Meeting Scheduled

FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEES**COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Mar 22 Thursday Senate Finance 532 3:00 PM
 -- Meeting Postponed to 3/27/01--
 Budget Closeout

Mar 27 Tuesday Senate Finance 532 3:30 PM
 -- Rescheduled from 3/22/01 --
 Budget Closeout

CORRECTIONS

Mar 22 Thursday Fahrenkamp 203 8:00 AM
 Review Operating Budget

COURT SYSTEM

Mar 27 Tuesday Terry Miller 104 12:00 PM
 Budget Closeout

EDUCATION & EARLY DEVELOPMENT

Mar 28 Wednesday Terry Miller 104 5:00 PM
 Budget Closeout

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION

Mar 22 Thursday Butrovich 205 4:30 PM
 + Budget Closeout

FISH & GAME

Mar 22 Thursday Senate Finance 532 1:30 PM
 Budget Closeout

FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEES (continued)**HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES**

Mar 26 Monday Senate Finance 532 12:00 PM
Budget Closeout

LABOR & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Mar 27 Tuesday Fahrenkamp 203 5:00 PM
-- Rescheduled from 3/20/01 --
Budget Closeout

LAW

Mar 27 Tuesday Terry Miller 104 8:00 AM
Budget Closeout

MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

Mar 28 Wednesday Fahrenkamp 203 8:00 AM
Budget Closeout

PUBLIC SAFETY

Mar 29 Thursday Fahrenkamp 203 8:00 AM
Budget Closeout

SPECIAL COMMITTEES**WORLD TRADE AND STATE/FEDERAL RELATIONS**

Mar 27 Tuesday House Finance 519 8:30 AM
Joint w/House Economic Development Trade
and Tourism
Northwest Territories Delegation:
Partnership Opportunities for Economic Development

JOINT COMMITTEES**ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATION REVIEW**

Mar 27	Tuesday	Capitol 102	2:45 PM
+	Review of proposed/approved regulations		
+	Proposed Pioneers' Homes rate increases		
Apr 03	Tuesday	Capitol 102	2:45 PM
+	To Be Announced		
Apr 10	Tuesday	Capitol 102	2:45 PM
+	To Be Announced		

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET & AUDIT

Mar 29	Thursday	House Finance 519	12:00 PM
	Executive Session: Final Audit Reports		
	Audit Reports, Audit Requests		

OTHER MEETINGS**CHILDREN'S CAUCUS**

Mar 27	Tuesday	Fahrenkamp 203	12:00 PM
+	Victims for Justice: Grief Recovery for Children		
Apr 03	Tuesday	Fahrenkamp 203	12:00 PM
+	Child Abuse Prevention Network		

FISH CAUCUS

Mar 23	Friday	Butrovich 205	12:00 PM
+	Dept of Fish & Game's use of commercial test fisheries		

JOINT SESSION

Apr 11	Wednesday	House Chamber	11:00 AM
	US Senator Ted Stevens' Annual Message		